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## **Memorandum of Answers to Exceptions made in Indian Office**

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Answers to "Remarks made in the Office of Indian Affairs on the Property Accounts of Edmond Mallet, U. S. Indian Agent, Tulalip Agency, Washington Territory for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> + 4<sup>th</sup> Quarters 1877" Shoulders, Examiner.

First Quarter 1877.

Vouchers of issues should be witnessed by two disinterested witnesses. See par. 42 page 18. Instructions to Supts. & Agents of April 1<sup>st</sup> 1876.

Answer. The agent claims that the vouchers are properly witnessed. ~~He~~ <sup>He</sup> requests that the vouchers referred to be again examined.

"Vouchers to Abstracts should not only be signed by the person under whose supervision the supplies were expended but their correctness should be certified to by the Agent."

Answer. The Instructions to Supts. & Agents ~~do not~~ of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1876, <sup>par. 64, p. 30</sup> requires that the Abstract be supported by the certificate of <sup>the</sup> Agent as to its correctness. The Agent ~~requires~~ claims that this requirement has been complied with. The ~~abstract~~ same par. requires that the Abstract be sustained by the certificates of the employees but it does not require



that the agent certify to the correctness of,  
~~that the certificate has certified to by the Agent. If it did it~~  
~~would prescribe an absurdity~~ <sup>indeed</sup> It would be an absurdity for the  
~~agent to certify to the correctness of a certificate that certifies to the~~  
~~correctness of his~~ <sup>own</sup> certificate.

"Voucher #2 to Abstract 7 is not signed."

Answer. A properly signed voucher is now on file with the Abst.

## Second Quarter 1877.

Glass should be taken up on so many feet instead of by  
the box.

Answer. The glass was contracted for, and insured, by the  
box. ~~A regulation~~ A box of glass ~~is~~ <sup>by the trade</sup> is recognized as a standard  
measure ~~by the trade~~, and as the Agent received no special instructions  
on this point while in the service, he thinks that his mode of  
accounting for this article was perfectly legitimate.

Voucher #4 shows that the Agent purchased 92 pairs of shoes,  
only 91 pairs are reported, he will stand charged with one pair un-  
til properly accounted for.

Answer. This ~~is~~ discrepancy <sup>was</sup> caused by a clerical error. Only



91 pairs were indeed issued in the second quarter. Sometime in the third quarter I discovered that I had a surplus pair of shoes on hand. There I issued to an Indian named <sup>Jim</sup> Swinambah. When these "Remarks" were furnished me in January 1878 I recollect the circumstance, and wrote to my successor in office to obtain a receipt from the Indian if he distinctly remembered the transaction. I ~~now~~ submit <sup>herewith, his</sup> receipt for one pair of shoes. ~~See~~

Voucher #2 shows the purchase of 80 gals. coal oil. 8 cases are taken up the agent must show that the two quarters are the same.

Answer. A case of coal oil is a standard measure in the trade. A case of coal oil is a box containing two thin cans of 5 gals. each.

Voucher #1 of issues shows 9 hatchets issued. The property return only 7. the Agent will be held accountable for two hatchets.

Answer. If the Agent issues 9 hatchets when he has only 7 belonging to the government it is the government and not the Agent that should be held accountable for two hatchets. The discrepancy was caused by a clerical error.

Voucher of Issues #5. The Agent must show that the flour



reported on this voucher is the same as the amt stated on the Abstract. In all cases flour should be reported by the parent."

Answer The flour was measured ~~and~~ by the barrel of which is <sup>recognized as</sup> a standard ~~weight measure~~ weight by the trade. ~~It was issued~~ The flour purchased was in sacks of 49 lbs each ~~and it was issued either by the sack.~~ <sup>or by the barrels of 49 sacks each.</sup> ~~of 49 in speaking of it by the barrel 4 sacks each~~

P.O. Stamps should be reported each denomination separately.

Answer. I was not aware of this fact since no special instructions were received on this point.

Vouchers # 2 & 3 to Abstract <sup>XXX</sup> It should show the manner in which the articles were used and their correctness certified to by the abstr. v.

Answer The vouchers show that the articles were expended ~~by~~ <sup>of the employes according to their occupations.</sup> the employes in their regular work ~~as carpenter & blacksmith, &c.~~



Third Quarter 1877. 5

Vouchers are not furnished to Abstract "C" as required by circular letter of Sept. 11 1877.

Answer. If my memory serves me correctly this circular <sup>letter</sup> was not received until the quarter. I however remember that when it was received I did not understand it, ~~as I ask the my abstract to be open and~~ ~~so abominably constructed it is.~~ ~~examined together with the circular letter, & to see whether whether~~ ~~the so badly constructed is it?~~ I claim that the letter is ambiguous and so worded as to make it questionable as to whether it really refers to Abstract C, <sup>or not.</sup> ~~of it. Properly read it refers to some other matter.~~

The Agent should certify to the correctness of vouchers # 2 + 3 to Abstract F.

Answer. These vouchers have since been corrected. It is questionable as to whether it is necessary for an agent to certify to the correctness of a certificate <sup>its</sup> ~~of a~~ ~~suppose~~ certify to the correctness of his own certificate.

The agent must furnish a medicine property return for the Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> 1877.

Answer. This return was forwarded ~~in~~ on or about Dec. 5 '77 and I am informed that it has since been discount in the Indian Office.  
Wash D.C. March 29 '78 Respectfully submitted



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